



Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)
May 18, 2011 9:30 - 11:30 AM
Meeting Summary

The meeting was attended by the following PAC members:

Wendy Alfsen, California Walks
Lindsay Arnold, Transportation Safety Researcher
Emily Betts, San Mateo County Transit District
Michelle DeRobertis, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Eliot Hurwitz, Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency
Lynne March, Sonoma County Transportation Authority
Robert Planthold, San Francisco resident
David Simons, Santa Clara County resident

The following member of the public participated in the meeting by phone:

Richard Skaff

Agenda Items #1 & #2: Introductions and Approval of Summaries of Previous Meetings

The attendees reviewed and approved the summary notes from the previous PAC meeting on January 19, 2011.

Agenda Item #3: Review and Comment on California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) 2011 Draft: Parts 2B and 2C

The PAC received a presentation on the content of Parts 2A and 2B as proposed for the CA MUTCD 2011 Draft. The PAC then developed comments on these sections (attached).

Agenda Item #4: Discussion of Status Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Device in California

The PAC received an overview regarding this device and the approval process. The members proposed that the device be included in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. However, the chapters of the CA MUTCD having to do with signals and beacons were to be reviewed at a later PAC meeting.

Agenda Item #5: Discussion of Curb Ramp Design and Orientation

The PAC received a verbal presentation from David Cordova, a Senior Engineer in the Caltrans Headquarters Division of Design. The discussion by the PAC focused on Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidance and policy regarding the orientation of ramps perpendicular to the curb line, and how to balance that with the interest in ramps that are directional to the crosswalk. The PAC recommended further research on ramp design and follow-up with FHWA.

Agenda Item #6: Updates on Policies/Guidance/Issues Previously Presented

Various updates were presented.

Agenda Item #7: Public Comment

Richard Skaff commented about difficulties with Jefferson Street in San Francisco. He was informed by the PAC that the street is not in the State Highway System and is therefore not under Caltrans' jurisdiction.

Agenda Item #8: Topics for Next Meeting, Announcements and Information Sharing

No suggestions or announcements were made.